

California Regional Water Quality Control Board  
San Francisco Bay Region  
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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PUBLIC HEARING  
FOR  
DISCHARGE PERMIT AND  
ISSUANCE OF CEASE AND DESIST ORDER**

**Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District  
Sonoma, Sonoma County**

The above discharger has filed an application for reissuance of a permit under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System. The San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board's (Regional Water Board's) staff has prepared a tentative permit for this discharger, containing limitations and provisions, in accordance with the Federal Clean Water Act and the California Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act. Regional Water Board staff has also prepared a tentative cease and desist order to require actions to address compliance problems with certain toxic pollutant limits in the tentative permit.

The discharger owns and operates the municipal wastewater treatment plant located at 22675 Eighth Street East in the town of Sonoma, Sonoma County. The plant treats domestic and light commercial wastewater collected from the cities and unincorporated areas of Sonoma, Glen Ellen, Boyes Hot Springs, El Verano, and Agua Caliente. The plant has an average dry weather flow design capacity of 3.0 million gallons per day (mgd) and can treat up to 11 mgd peak wet weather flows. From November through April, treated wastewater is discharged to Schell Slough and Hudeman Slough. From May through October, treated wastewater is reclaimed for agricultural irrigation and wetland enhancement. Potential discharges to restore Napa-Sonoma Salt Marsh may occur during the next 10 years.

The Regional Water Board intends to consider adopting the tentative permit and cease and desist order during a meeting to commence at the time and location as follows:

Time and Date: 9:00 a.m., October 8, 2008  
Location: Auditorium, Elihu Harris State Building  
1515 Clay Street, Oakland

**The deadline for comment is 5:00 p.m. on September 5, 2008.** Comments must be sent to the **attention of Tong Yin**. Persons wishing to file written comments on or objections to the tentative permit, tentative cease and desist order, or other aspects of this matter must do so no later than this deadline so that such comments may be considered. No written comments will be accepted or responded to in writing if received after that deadline.

Interested persons are invited to attend and express their views at the public hearing on this matter. The Water Board will hear oral testimony, but will not accept written comments after the deadline noted above.

Pursuant to section 2050(c) of Title 23 of the California Code of Regulations, any party that challenges the Water Board's action on this matter through a petition to the State Water Resources Control Board under Water Code section 13320 will be limited to raising only those substantive issues or objections that were raised before the Water Board at the public hearing or in timely submitted written correspondence delivered to the Water Board.

The application, tentative permit, fact sheet, tentative cease and desist order, comments received, and related documents may be inspected and copied at the Regional Water Board office. The tentative permit, fact sheet, tentative cease and desist order, and any additional information and developments on this matter are also available at [www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay). A response to comments will be posted on that website one week prior to the hearing. Contact Tong Yin at (510) 622-2418 or by e-mail at [TYin@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:TYin@waterboards.ca.gov), if you have any questions on this matter.